

CIAP-Project Nominee Fact Sheet

Project Title: Bayou Amy Canoe Trail Access and Education Pavilion

Entity/Individual nominating the project: St. Martin Parish, Louisiana

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Total CIAP Funds Requested: \$

Requested State Fund: \$

Parish Allocation: \$

Infrastructure Funds Proposed: \$

Description and Location of the Project: Bayou Amy is located along the toe of the West Guideline Levee for the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, St. Martin Parish. Bayou Amy provides a hydrologic connection between Bayou Berard and Lake Catahoula, which flows into Lakes Dauterive and Fausse Point. The proposed project is to be constructed on the eastern shoreline of Bayou Amy, in Henderson, Louisiana and includes:

- Finalizing the donation of 2.5 acres of land along Bayou Amy.
- Construction of a boat launch facility for public use. Construction features would include a bulkhead and parking area for 25 to 30 vehicles for public access to the Atchafalaya Basin Program wilderness canoe trail.
- Construction of an open pavilion for public use dedicated to the promoting and conducting of classes on conservation and education of the natural resources.
- Purchase and placement of a self-contained concrete bathroom facility.

Project Type: Implementation of a project as part of a Federally Approved Plan.

Project Justification: In 1986, Congress authorized \$250 million dollars to preserve and enhance the Atchafalaya Basin through the Corps of Engineers by expanding public access, environmental easements, water-management, and recreation. In 1999, the Louisiana Legislature voted unanimously for the State Master Plan of the Atchafalaya Basin (Act 920), authorizing \$85 million to be spent over a 15-year period, in order to match the federal dollars.

The objective of this project is to create an educational center, boat launch, and parking area that will allow for public access into a unique bottomland hardwood/ cypress-tupelo swamp setting in which a canoe trail has already been established. A small pavilion will be constructed for use as an environmental education center to teach visitors (and locals) about conservation and protection of the ecology of the area. Henderson, Louisiana has been named "The Gateway to the Atchafalaya Basin" and as such, should have public access to surrounding waterways.

Construction of the a public launch facility will provide public access from the northern reaches of the Henderson/Lakes Catahoula, Dauterive, and Fausse Pointe Waterways. This project will ultimately tie into Lake Fausse Point State Park, a premier 5,000 acre State Park, thereby increasing the public's opportunity to learn about conservation, protection and enjoyment of the natural resources associated with the area lakes, bayous, swamps and streams including fish, birds, and swamp forests along with their functions and associated values.

Project Cost Share: **State = %**
 Parish = %



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Project Area

REFERENCE: 2004 DOQQ Aerial Photography



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